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Matt Longenbaugh  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
510 Desmond Drive S.E.  
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Jessica Gonzales  
United State Fish and Wildlife Service  
Central Washington Field Office  
215 Melody Lane  
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

Re: Proposed reissuance of the NPDES permit issued to United States Fish & Wildlife Service for discharge from the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (LNFH) into Icicle Creek

Dear Mr. Longenbaugh and Ms. Gonzales:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to your agencies the proposed NPDES permit reissuance which will authorize discharges from LNFH into Icicle Creek. This is an existing facility which has been in operation since 1941 near Leavenworth, Washington. EPA is initiating a 30-day public notice period for this proposed permit action during which time comments on the proposed permit are being solicited. From the websites maintained by your agencies about threatened and endangered species, EPA obtained information which indicates the following listed or endangered species might occur in the vicinity of the discharge:

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus* (*Salmo*) *mykiss*)  
Salmon, chinook spring upper Columbia R. (*Oncorhynchus* (*Salmo*) *tshawytscha*)  
Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)  
Trout, Bull (*Salvelinus confluentus*)

As part of this permit action, EPA has made a determination that the discharge from this federal hatchery in compliance with requirements of the proposed permit is not likely to adversely affect these species. Discharges in compliance with permit limitations

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are not anticipated to cause or contribute to violation of any applicable state water quality standard. EPA has also made a finding of *no effect* for essential fish habitat as the result of the permitted discharge into Icicle Creek. EPA is basing this determination on information about the quality of the effluent and recent water quality evaluations conducted in the Wenatchee River watershed.

The permit fact sheet includes information about this hatchery and the basis for the proposed permit requirements. The permit regulates discharge into Icicle Creek from the hatchery by establishing applicable effluent limitations, best management practices, monitoring and reporting requirements. It is EPA's intention to consult with the Services if credible information becomes available that indicates this discharge has a likely impact on listed species. If you have any questions, please contact David Ragsdale in our Olympia Field Office at (360) 407-6589.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Lidgard, Manager  
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures

cc: Julie Collins, USFWS, Leavenworth NFH

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